



**ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN IN THE METAL INDUSTRIES**

Reception Dinner with Keynote Speaker

**Dan DiMicco**

**President, Chairman and CEO, Nucor Corporation**

Industry Panel Session

**Sheila Janin, Director Coated Products, ArcelorMittal**

**James Desmond, Vice President and COO, EMJ Company**

**Robert Owen, Director Strategic Sourcing, Silgan Containers**

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**Tuck School of Business, Dartmouth College**

## **SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES**

### **Dan DiMicco, President, Chairman and CEO, Nucor Corporation Opening Keynote Session**

Dan DiMicco is President and Chief Executive Officer of Nucor Corporation and Chairman of Nucor's Board of Directors. Dan also serves on the Board of Directors for Duke Energy Corporation, the American Iron and Steel Institute, and the World Steel Association. Dan has also been elected to the Executive Committee for the World Steel Association and serves on the U. S. Manufacturing Council for the U.S. Department of Commerce. Dan joined Nucor Corporation in November 1982 as Plant Metallurgist and Manager of Quality Control for Nucor Steel in Plymouth, Utah and in January 1988, he became Melting and Casting Manager at the Utah division. In March 1991, Dan became General Manager of the Nucor-Yamato joint venture in Blytheville, Arkansas and became Vice President in January 1992. He became Executive Vice President in September 1999. He became President, Chief Executive Officer and a member of the Board of Directors in September 2000. He was elected Vice Chairman in June 2001 and Chairman in May 2006. Prior to joining Nucor Corporation, Dan was with Republic Steel Corporation in Cleveland, Ohio as Research Metallurgist and Project Leader. Dan was with Republic Steel from March 1975 until he joined Nucor in November 1982. Dan graduated from Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island in 1972 with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering, Metallurgy and Materials Science. Dan graduated with a Master of Science Degree in Metallurgy and Materials Science from the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1975.

### **Sheila Janin, Director Coated Products, ArcelorMittal Industry Panel**

Sheila A. Janin is Director of Coated Products at ArcelorMittal USA. She has an Economics and Business Administration Degree from Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pennsylvania. Sheila's professional background includes 18 years at Bethlehem Steel Corporation where she participated in the Loop Training program and served for ten years as an Outside Sales Account Manager, three years as Product Area Manager for Light Flat Rolled - Burns Harbor Division, five years as the Chicago District Manager, Midwest Regional Sales Manager and finally the Sales Manager for the Service Center and Tubing Market. In 2002, Sheila worked as Division Sales and Marketing Manager at International Steel Group - ISG Riverdale. Her career at ArcelorMittal began in 2005 as Director of Hot Rolled Products.

### **James Desmond, VP & COO, EMJ Company Industry Panel**

Mr. Desmond has been our Vice President and Chief Operating Officer since January 1, 2009. Before that, Mr. Desmond was our District General Manager responsible for our Los Angeles, Los Angeles Plate, Hayward, and Phoenix operations since 2001. Prior to that Mr. Desmond was General Manager of our Charlotte facility since 1995, our Denver facility since 1993, and various other managerial responsibilities since joining the company in Los Angeles in 1981.

### **Robert Owen, Director Strategic Sourcing, Silgan Containers Industry Panel**

Robert Owen has worked in the metals industry his entire career, having started with Alcoa in their Vancouver Operations as a cost accountant prior to moving into sales. He progressed through various assignments in Aerospace & Defense, Building & Construction, Transportation, Chemicals and Distributors before moving into the Packaging Market where he spent 15 years marketing aluminum can sheet. His last assignment with Alcoa was Western Regional Manager for Packaging Products in their Los Angeles region. In this position, Owen became actively involved with Silgan Containers as Alcoa supplied aluminum can sheet used primarily in pet food cans as well as some "people foods" such as Spam, Vienna Sausage, Frito Lay Dips, etc. Through this association he accepted an offer to join Silgan taking advantage of an early retirement benefit available from Alcoa. Following a period of familiarization with Silgan's business during which Robert managed Silgan's largest customer, Nestlé, he moved into the purchasing arena. His activities are now focused on insuring supply of both steel and aluminum, the two largest raw materials purchased by Silgan. Owen is a graduate of Portland State University where he received a BS in Business Management. He has two grown children, three granddaughters and a wife who also works in the metals industry.

***Our panel of speakers will speak on the inherent challenges of their specific markets. What they face today and what they anticipate for the future regarding: pricing outlook, supply and demand, and competition. Their 15-20 minute presentations will be followed by an open question and answer period.***

**William Strauss, Senior Economist and Economic Advisor, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago**

**Keynote Session: “Economic Assessment”**

William A. Strauss is a Senior Economist and Economic Advisor in the Research Department at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, which he joined in 1982. His chief responsibilities include analyzing the current performance of both the Midwest economy and the manufacturing sector for use in monetary policy. He also produces the monthly Chicago Fed Midwest Manufacturing Index, organizes the Bank's Economic Outlook Symposium and Auto Outlook Symposium. He also conducts several economic workshops and industrial roundtables throughout the year.

Mr. Strauss earned a B.A. in economics and geography from the State University of New York at Buffalo, and an M.A. in economics from Northwestern University. He has taught as an adjunct faculty member for both Loyola University, Chicago and Webster University, Chicago. He currently teaches at the University of Chicago, Graham School of General Studies and at DePaul University, Kellstadt Graduate School of Business.

His research paper topics include analysis of the manufacturing sector, the auto sector, the Midwest regional economy, the trade-weighted dollar, business cycles, and Federal Reserve payments operations. Mr. Strauss has been interviewed on numerous television and radio shows and quoted in the major business magazines and newspapers. He is a past president of the Chicago Association of Business Economists and currently serves as a board member for the National Association for Business Economics, as a member of the National Business Economics Issues Council and as a member of the Advisory Council for the University of Illinois at Chicago's Center for Economic Education.

**Matthew Slaughter, Associate Dean and Professor of Economics, Tuck School of Business, Dartmouth College**

**Keynote Session: “Leadership in Today’s Global Economy”**

Matthew J. Slaughter is the Associate Dean of the MBA Program and the Signal Companies Professor of Management at the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth. He is also currently a Research Associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research; a Senior Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations; an academic advisor to the McKinsey Global Institute; and a member of the academic advisory board of the International Tax Policy Forum. From 2005 to 2007, Professor Slaughter served as a Member on the Council of Economic Advisers in the Executive Office of the President. In this Senate-confirmed position he held the international portfolio, advising the President, the Cabinet, and many others on issues including international trade and investment, currency and energy markets, and the competitiveness of the U.S. economy. He has also been affiliated with the Federal Reserve Board, the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, the National Academy of Sciences, the Institute for International Economics, and the Department of Labor. Professor Slaughter's area of expertise is the economics and politics of globalization. His current research is examining how multinational firms can best structure their global operations; the labor-market impacts of international trade, investment, and immigration; and the political economy questions of voter attitudes about and government policies towards globalization. This research has been supported by several grants from organizations including the National Science Foundation and the Russell Sage Foundation. Professor Slaughter has published dozens of articles as book chapters and in peer-reviewed journals; he has co-authored and co-edited three books, including *Globalization and the Perceptions of American Workers*; he has served and currently serves in various editorial positions for several academic journals; and he has made numerous presentations at academic conferences and seminars. Professor Slaughter is a frequent keynote speaker to many audiences in the business and policy communities and he has testified before both chambers of the U.S. Congress. He regularly contributes op-eds to the *Wall Street Journal* and *Financial Times*, and his work and ideas are widely featured in business media such as *Business Week*, *The Economist*, *Financial Times*, *New York Times*, *Newsweek*, *Time*, *Wall Street Journal*, and *Washington Post*. He has appeared on several TV and radio programs such as CNN's *Lou Dobbs Tonight* and NPR's *All Things Considered*. For many years he has consulted both to individual firms and also to industry organizations that support dialogue on issues of international trade, investment, and taxation. And at Tuck he co-directs the flagship executive-education program *Global Leadership 2020*. Prior to joining the Tuck faculty in 2002, since 1994 Professor Slaughter had been on the faculty of the economics department at Dartmouth, where in 2001 he received the school-wide John M. Manley Huntington Teaching Award. He received his bachelor's degree summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Notre Dame in 1990, and his doctorate from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1994.